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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. ***(Currently Amended)*** A pallet comprising:

a load-bearing deck;

bearer members for supporting said deck, one of said bearer members being located at a side of said deck and comprising a cavity receiving a load-infestation monitoring device; and

said load-infestation monitoring device an accessible component located beneath the load-bearing deck and accessible from a side of the pallet, ~~said component comprising a load infestation monitoring device.~~
2. ***(Original)*** A pallet according to claim 1 wherein the load-infestation monitoring device is configured to provide a visible indication of infestation.
3. ***(Original)*** A pallet according to claim 1 wherein the load-infestation monitoring device comprises a lure for attracting a pest of a type known to cause infestation.
4. ***(Cancelled)*** ~~A pallet according to claim 1 wherein the accessible component comprises one of the bearer members which is provided with a recess or compartment that is accessible from an exposed end-face or side of the bearer member.~~
5. ***(Original)*** A pallet according to claim 4 wherein the recess is provided with a cover to provide a chamber within which the load-infestation monitoring device is located.
6. ***(Original)*** A pallet according to claim 4 wherein the load-infestation monitoring device is configured to push fit into the recess and to be retained in said recess by an interference-fit.
7. ***(Original)*** A pallet according to claim 1 wherein a pressure-sensitive or peelable adhesive is used for assisting retention of the load-infestation monitoring device in place.
8. ***(Original)*** A pallet according to claim 1 wherein a releasable mechanical fixing is used for assisting retention of the load-infestation monitoring device in place.
9. ***(Original)*** A pallet according to claim 1 further comprising a load-condition monitoring

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device.

10. **(Original)** A pallet according to claim 1 wherein the monitoring device itself is adapted to release a replaceable part or disposable detection medium.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A pallet comprising:

a load-bearing deck;

bearer members for supporting said deck; and

an integral load-infestation monitoring device integral to one of said bearer members and located beneath the load-bearing deck and accessible from a side of the pallet.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A method of monitoring the quality of goods susceptible to infestation, the method comprising:

providing a pallet comprising at least a load-bearing deck and bearer members for supporting the deck;

locating a load-infestation monitoring device in a cavity of one of the bearer members at a side of, and beneath the load-bearing deck, and accessible from a side of the pallet for inspection purposes;

loading the goods on the pallet, and periodically inspecting the load-infestation monitoring device for evidence of infestation.

13. **(Original)** A pallet according to claim 2, in which the load-infestation monitoring device comprises a lure for attracting a pest of a type known to cause infestation.

14. **(Original)** A pallet according to claim 2 wherein the accessible component comprises one of the bearer members which is provided with a recess or compartment that is accessible from an exposed end-face or side of the bearer member.

15. **(Original)** A pallet according to claim 3 wherein the accessible component comprises one of the bearer members which is provided with a recess or compartment that is accessible from an exposed end-face or side of the bearer member.

16. **(Original)** A pallet according to claim 5 wherein the load-infestation monitoring device is configured to push fit into the recess and to be retained in said recess by an interference-fit.

17. **(Original)** A pallet according to claim 2 further comprising a load-condition monitoring device.

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18. **(Original)** A pallet according to claim 3 further comprising a load-condition monitoring device.
19. **(Original)** A pallet according to claim 4 further comprising a load-condition monitoring device.
20. **(Original)** A pallet according to claim 5 further comprising a load-condition monitoring device.
21. **(New)** The pallet of claim 1 wherein said load-infestation monitoring device comprises a transparent side to allow an observer to view an interior thereof.
22. **(New)** The pallet of claim 11 wherein said load-infestation monitoring device comprises a transparent side to allow an observer to view an interior thereof.
23. **(New)** The pallet of claim 12 wherein said load-infestation monitoring device comprises a transparent side to allow an observer to view an interior thereof.